(ii) Purchase of 120 Timber Ore Trucks for the Bhadravati Iron Works Railways Rs. 6,98,966, and

(iii) Balance of the cost of the Hopper Wagons paid during the year Rs. 4,00,000.

6. *Loco, Carr and Wagon Department.*—There were 29 engine failures during the year as against 33 in the year previous. There was a reduction in coal consumption due to the introduction of more efficient locomotives. Nine engines and six coaching vehicles were placed on the line during 1922-23. Two 'N' class meter gauge engines built in 1877 were condemned as unfit for use and a similar engine built in 1882 was sold to the Bhadravati Iron Works. Good progress was made during the year in installing electric lights in place of gas lights in the coaching vehicles. Six engines, 82 coaching vehicles and 186 goods wagons were repaired in the Railway Workshops during the year.

7. *Account and Audit.*—The Audit Office was completely removed to Mysore in April 1923. Two Accountants were deputed to the Eastern Bengal Railway Offices and one to the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Offices for training in Railway Audit and Accounts in May 1923. A number of defects in departmental expenditure and accounts are brought to notice by the Auditor. Very early steps should be taken by the Agent to remedy such defects and to prevent their recurrence.

8. *Accidents to persons and property.*—It is satisfactory that no passenger was killed or injured on account of negligence on the part of the staff or of any other cause. Four persons lost their lives, one by jumping out of a running train and three by being run over while trespassing on the line. Of the ten persons that received injuries, five were Railway servants. 105 heads of cattle met with accident during the year as against 98 in the year previous.

9. *Departmental Reports.*—Separte reports dealing with the Traffic, Loco and Carr and Stores Departments have not been submitted along with the Agent's report.

10. *Conclusion.*—Government, while appreciating the improvements effected during the year in several directions, express the hope that sustained efforts will be made by the officers placed in charge of Departments to show substantial progress in respect of:—

(i) the reduction of working expenses;

(ii) selection, storeage and issue of stores,

(iii) economical management of the Loco and other rolling stock and

(iv) economical handling of traffic.

K. MATTHAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Authorising the publication of the Report of the Mysore Co-operative Committee.

READ—

Government Order No. 2858-91—E. C. 125-19-4, dated 13th September 1920, constituting a Committee to review the progress made by the Co-operative movement in the State and to submit suitable recommendations for the consideration of Government.

2. Interpellation made by Mr. N. S. Nanjundiah, Member of the Mysore Legislative Council, in the matter, in the Legislative Council, held in April 1923, and Government reply thereon that the question of publishing the Report of the Committee, constituted as above, will be considered on its receipt.

3. Letter No. 1, dated 14th December 1923, from Mr. R. Ranga Rao, Secretary to the Mysore Co-operative Committee, forwarding the report of the Committee.

ORDER No. L. 5568—C. S. 34-23-1, DATED 16TH JANUARY 1924.

The Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to publish for the information of the public the report of the Mysore Co-operative Committee. Printed copies of the Report can be purchased from the Curator, Central Book Depot, Bangalore.

Representations on the proposals contained in the Committee's Report will be received by Government up to the 20th March 1924, after which date, the Government will proceed to a consideration of the Report and the representations received thereon.

K. V. ANANTARAMAN,
Offg. *Secretary to Government,*
Revenue Department.

Block System of Irrigation under the Vani Vilas Sagara, Hiriyur Taluk.

READ—

Government Order No. 1608-12—9875-9, dated 5th December 1912, introducing the Block System of Irrigation under the Vani Vilas Sagara in the Hiriyur Taluk for a period of six years from 1st July 1913.

2. Government Order No. R. 15853-7—L. R. 42-18-22, dated 18th June 1920, extending for a further period of six years the Block System under the Vani Vilas Sagara.

ORDER No. R. 3207-9—L. R. 13-22-17, DATED 19TH JANUARY 1924.

It has come to the notice of Government that many raiyats holding lands under the Vani Vilas Sagara in the Hiriyur Taluk, have not limited wet cultivation to one-third of their holdings as laid down in the Block System Rules, but have persisted in cultivating paddy on more than one-third of their holdings by unauthorized irrigation. According to the statistics of 1921-22, the total extent unauthorisedly cultivated was 2,678 acres 17 guntas, representing more than a fourth of the total area under occupancy in the blocks. This has led to much waste of water which it was one of the main objects of the Block System to avoid. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to issue necessary instructions to the Jamabandy Officers to levy Rs. 5 per acre on all lands so unauthorisedly cultivated this year.

2. The Executive Engineer, Chitaldrug Division, is directed to submit at once for the information of Government, a list of the lands on which penal rate is to be levied.

3. As cultivation under the reservoir has passed the stage of experiment, and as the period for which the existing water rate was fixed expires at the end of June 1925, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey is requested to take up at once the question of fixing the wet assessment on these lands. He should depute an officer to classify the lands and fix the wet assessment on them sufficiently early so as to permit of the rates being brought into effect from 1st July 1925.

4. Government further direct, in modification of Government Order No. R. 908—L. R. 42-19-9, dated 19th July 1920, that half-yearly reports giving information as to the total extent irrigable by the Vani Vilas Sagara channels, the extent irrigated, the extent occupied, and the extent yet to be sold should be submitted for the information of Government, instead of annually, the report for the half-year ending 31st December 1923, being submitted by the end of January 1924.

K. V. ANANTARAMAN,
Offg. *Secretary to Government,*
Revenue Department.

Sale of Fodder.

READ—

Government Order No. 156-214—Dis. 9-23-6, dated the 10th January 1924, in regard to the supply of fodder from the channel tracts of the Mysore District to the affected places in the Tumkur and Kolar Districts.

2. Government Order No. 284-95—D. 9-23-9, dated the 18th January 1924, issuing instructions in the matter of sale of fodder and the maintenance of accounts, etc.

ORDER No. 300-11—D. 9-23, DATED 21ST JANUARY 1924.

In modification of the Government Order of the 18th January 1924, read above, Government direct that sales of fodder to people paying an assessment of more than Rs. 25 per annum should be for cash before delivery and that the amount of sales to people paying an assessment of Rs. 25 and less may be treated as Takavi loans.

2. Intending purchasers should be required to produce a certificate from the Patel of their village as regards the Kandayam that they pay.

K. V. ANANTHARAMAN,
Offg. *Secretary to Govt., Rev. Dept.*

Sinking of Wells in the Malur Town.

Read—

Letter No. D. 10, dated 17th January 1924, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, recommending the sinking of a well or two in the bed of the Gajagundla in the Malur Town to secure an adequate supply of drinking water to the town people at a cost of Rs. 1,200, the expenditure being debited as a special case to the grant placed at his disposal for sinking temporary wells in tank beds.

ORDER No. 322-4—D., DATED 22ND JANUARY 1924.

The recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner is sanctioned.

K. V. ANANTARAMAN,
Offg. *Secretary to Government,*
Revenue Department.